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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119**

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Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 1999-167439, filed June 14, 1999, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

A certified copy of said Japanese Patent Application is of record in parent application Serial No. 10/009,962, filed January 23, 2002.

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